

House Resolution No. 3577

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens or distinguished themselves through significant personal achievement; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize nine generations of the Denney family, of Webster County, Missouri, who recently celebrated their long and rich heritage with a family reunion; and

Whereas, the Denney family's Fordland-area roots can be traced back to James and Eliza Denney, when Eliza Denney came to the area from Kentucky with the Denney family and her children after James Denney passed away; and she is buried at Eastern Denney Cemetery, south of U.S. Highway 60, along with several members of the family; and

Whereas, James' and Eliza's son, Lt. James Denney, was a member of the Union army during the Civil War, and his son, James Denney was the father of Bob Denney, the father of Estelle Hamilton, Earl Denney, Gladys Perkins, Elvis Denney, and Bob Denney, Jr.; and

Whereas, Gladys Perkins' daughter, Pam Booth, now operates the Fountain Café on Fordland's Main Street, with the help of her children; and

Whereas, Bob Denney Jr.'s daughter is Toni Walton, a counselor at Fordland elementary and Fordland middle schools, and her children make the eighth generation of the Denney family to call Fordland their hometown; and

Whereas, the Denney family originally homesteaded on the land from Ava to Hyde Ford, and Lt. James Denney bought forty acres on the bluff side of the Finley River and Greasy Creek, property that has stayed in the family and is now owned by Bob Denney Jr.:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, salute nine generations of the Denney family in Fordland, with our most sincere best wishes for many more generations of property and happiness; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Denney family of Fordland.

Offered by _____
Representative Michael L. Cunningham
District No. 145

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3577, adopted July 8, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker